

level authorities and will be useful for generating the action plans of IMSD and also for monitoring the impacts of implementation. Further, the database can be used for developmental planning at district/taluk/panchayat level.

(d) and (e) The design of the information system is tuned for supporting the various functionaries within each district/taluk/panchayat having an easy-to-use interface for querying and obtaining information. Functionaries in the rural areas, supported by each State Remote Sensing Centre, will find it possible to use the satellite data and the thematic maps, alongwith socio-economic information for developmental planning at grassroot level.

Power Purchase Agreement

5115. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) per unit consumption rate as settled in Power Purchase agreement by ENRON in Maharashtra, Cogentrix in Karnataka and Hyundai in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether the Government propose to have a minimum and maximum per unit consumption rate slab fixed by Central Electricity Authority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is a contract between the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) and the independent power producers (IPPs) and usually covers the modalities for purchase/sale of power negotiated between the two parties. The PPA lays down the principles of fixation of tariff and the time of generation of electricity and does not specify the actual cost of generation. The actual tariff could be worked out only on completion of the project based on the completed capital cost, approved financial package & terms and conditions of the PPA which have to be in line with the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 & notifications issued thereunder.

(b) No, Sir.

LPG Agencies

5116. SHRI B. DHARMABIKSHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated new schemes to allot petrol/diesel outlets and LPG/SKO Agencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure Incurred in National Capital Region

5117. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the implementation of the National Capital Region Plan upto 1995-96.

(b) the amount provided for in respect of the current financial year;

(c) the real gains from this Plan-the decongestion and dispersal of population, industries and other business establishments, Central Government Offices and those of the various public sector undertakings to the ring towns; and

(d) whether the Government propose to launch a similar plan for Calcutta also, which has become very much over-crowded and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The funds released by NCR Planning Board for implementation of National Capital Region Plan upto 1995-96 is Rs. 215 crores.

(b) The details of funds provided during the current financial year are as follows :—

Budgetary support	Rs. 40.00 Cr.
Re-ploughing of internal resources	Rs. 37.00 Cr.
Contribution by the NCT of Delhi	Rs. 5.00 Cr.
Total	Rs. 82.00 Cr.

(c) The regional Plan-2001 contemplates deflection of about 20 lakh people from Delhi to other parts of NCR by the year 2001. The Plan has recommended a policy of strict control for creation of employment opportunities within NCT of Delhi. It will be too early to estimate real gain in terms of population deflection/decongestion, dispersal of economic activities at this stage.

(d) No, Sir. It is for the State Government of West Bengal to consider the matter.

Liquefied Natural Gas

5118. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India (GAIL) is finalising a \$10 billion project to import liquefied natural Gas (LNG) from West Asia;

(b) if so, the broad features of this project;

(c) the manner in which the proposal is likely to be actualised and the capital outlay involved therein;

(d) the names of the likely potential partners, which have been identified by the GAIL; and

(e) the nature of the infrastructure envisaged for the transportation and re-gassification of the LNG at receiving stations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The Gas Authority of India Limited is examining the feasibility of importing LNG for the Southern States. Ennore and Mangalore have been identified as possible locations for the import terminals. Initial imports at the two places could be 2.5 million tonnes per annum. The sources of LNG are yet to be firmed up. GAIL has proposed the formation of a joint venture company with IOC and ONGC as major partners to put up the receiving terminals including storage and re-gassification facilities at an estimated cost of around Rs. 3000 crores.

Research in Atomic Energy

5119. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the areas in which and particularly in the field of agriculture the research in atomic energy is being applied in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to open a centre for providing the above services to the farmers in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) :

(a) Nuclear Energy, in the form of radiation and radioisotopes, is being widely used for agricultural research and development. The main applications are in the following areas :—

1. Development of improved varieties of crop plants such as pulses, oilseeds and other cash crops by inducing genetic variability in seeds by irradiation.
2. Improving fertilizer use efficiency for different soil types.
3. Following the fate and persistence of pesticides and heavy metal pollutants in crops soil and plant products.
4. Improving animal health and production by use of radiation attenuated vaccines.

(b) and (d) There is no proposal with the Government to open any centre for providing such services in the

country. This is because the benefits of research in this area are made available to the farmers at large, through existing institutions like State Agricultural Universities, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) and other institutes of the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR). For example, several types of seeds and crop cultivars, developed by mutation breeding are distributed through the State and National Seeds Corporation. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has developed 21 high yielding crop varieties of oil seeds, pulses and cereals produced from radiation induced mutants. These have been released for commercial cultivation by the farmers all over the country.

One of the black gram varieties, TAU-1, is estimated to occupy over 90% of the total area under cultivation of black gram in Maharashtra. The variety titled TAG-24 of groundnut accounts for 9.3% of the total allocation of groundnut breeder seed production for kharif 1995. Research using gamma radiations is also carried out for genetic improvement of banana. Tissue culture derived plants of banana have been distributed to the banana growing farmers through the Maharashtra State Seeds Corporation.

Government Accommodation

5120. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated new norms for allotment of Government accommodation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The allotment of General Pool residential accommodation is made as per the provisions of Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool in Delhi) Rules, 1963. No new norms have been formulated, amending the provisions of the Allotment Rules.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Amount spent on Samadhi

5121. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the average amount spent annually on the samadhi of National leaders including former Prime Ministers and Presidents situated in New Delhi, maintained by CPWD;

(b) whether the amount spent on 'Samadhi of Dr. Rajendra Prasad' is comparatively very low; and